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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Williams, John and Ann, House

other name/site number: William Hooper House

2. Location

street & number: 205 Church

not for publication: n/a
vicinity: n/a

city/town: Stevensville

state: Montana code: MT county: Ravalli code: 081 zip code: 59870

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> building(s)
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 2 </u>	<u> </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Stevensville, Montana: 1866-1941.

4. Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria.

Maude Sheff MT SHPO 4-9-91
Signature of certifying official Date

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

___ See Continuation Sheet

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register Antonietta Lee 6/19/91

___ See Continuation Sheet

___ determined eligible for the National Register _____

___ determined not eligible for the National Register _____

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___ removed from the National Register _____

___ See Continuation Sheet

___ other (explain): _____

for _____
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic/single dwelling

Current: Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Late 19th and Early 20th Century Movements: Colonial Revival

Materials: foundation: concrete
walls: wood
roof: asphalt shingles

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This 1½-story, wood-framed, cottage has an irregular cross-shaped core. It is sided with clapboard, and the corners are accented with corner boards. The shallow-pitched roof is composed of a central, hip-roofed core with projecting gables. The roof and gables are trimmed with a box cornice and gable end returns. The roof is shingled with asphalt composition shingles. Two brick chimneys are located along the main east-west roof line: one on the front half and one on the rear gabled dormer. The house stands on a stone foundation.

Door and window openings are framed with wood and have simple molded entablatures. The doors feature rectangular transoms above them. Fenestration is characterized by double-hung, wooden sash windows, arranged 1-over-1, set singly or in pairs.

The main entrance faces east toward Church Street and is oriented perpendicular to the east-facing gable. The entry is offset to the south on a porch which spans the front of the facade and wraps the northeast corner. The porch roof is supported by five, evenly spaced Tuscan columns (four on the east facade, one on the north). The porch crawl space is covered with diagonal lattice. A compatible beveled wood door is located on the east side of the north-facing gabled wing, providing a second entrance off the porch.

Another porch wraps the northwest corner of the house, and is partially enclosed with metal screening. This portion of the house sets on a concrete foundation. Windows across the rear of the porch are banded, with a double row of single-light, screened windows on the upper half. The crawl space is covered with diagonal lattice. On the northwest corner of the porch, a Tuscan-style pilaster matches those on the front of the house.

The rear or west elevation has a windowless dormer centered within the west facing gable. The back porch nearly spans the width of this elevation. A rear door accesses the porch. The south half of the porch is fully sided with weatherboard. A concrete foundation extends under the southern two-thirds of the porch. Two square, single-light windows are centered side-by-side in the south half.

The south elevation has been altered to accommodate a separate second story entrance. A wooden door has replaced the window in the gable end, and wooden stairs lead down to the front of the house. Other than this relatively modern alteration, the house retains excellent integrity.

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OUTBUILDING

A one-story, rectangular, gabled-roof shed constructed by 1909 sets at the rear of the property. Its entrances are located on the east elevation parallel to the roofline. The southern two-thirds of the shed is of frame construction with horizontal wood siding. The northern one-third is concrete. Asphalt sheeting covers the entire roof. Flashing runs along the roofline, the peaks are topped with hip knobs. A brick chimney is located on the roofline above the point where the framing and concrete join.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C	Areas of Significance: Architecture
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): n/a	Period(s) of Significance: 1907
Significant Person(s): n/a	Significant Dates: 1907
Cultural Affiliation: n/a	Architect/Builder: Williams, John T.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The John and Ann Williams House reflects the architectural transition from strictly vernacular forms to those incorporating elements of Colonial Revival styling which became popular by the first decade of the 20th century. As a well-preserved example of this architectural transition in Stevensville, it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the irregularity of the massing and fenestration patterns of this house is reminiscent of Queen Anne cottage architecture, this house is more identifiable as a forerunner to Colonial Revival architecture which was quite popular in Stevensville during the early 20th century. The house employs many elements characteristic of Colonial Revival styling including the shallow pitched rooflines, horizontal orientation, prominent porches and clean, unembellished lines. The house illustrates two common porch treatments: the front porch which is open, with no balustrade or ornamentation; the rear porch which is enclosed, with horizontal window banding.

Like many houses constructed during this era, the John and Ann Williams house was built to accommodate a booming population in Stevensville. Ann and John Williams, a blacksmith, purchased lots 3, 4 and 5 on the west side of Church Street in 1903, the purchase being recorded in Ann's name. The Williams did not begin construction, however, until four years later. In April, 1907, workmen began hauling materials to the site.¹ In the beginning of June, they had completed excavating and could begin the foundation.² The house was completed later that year.

In 1908, Williams tore down a frame structure located directly south of the house. This building had served as the office of the Western News, the electric light plant and a Chinese laundry.³ In 1909, Williams purchased the two lots adjacent to the north side of the property.⁴

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¹ Stevensville Register, April 11, 1907.

² Ibid., May 30, 1907.

³ Ibid., June 18, 1908.

⁴ Ibid., April 22, 1909.

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In 1914, the Williams sold the property to William M. Hooper and Ester Mabel Hooper. Hooper had opened a meat market on the east side of Main Street in 1906.⁵ In 1907, he sold the market to his brother, yet continued to assist in its operation.⁶ In 1911, Hooper took over management of the Bitterroot Restaurant.⁷ W.M. Hooper died in 1940, leaving lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and the north half of lot 7 to his wife, Esther Mabel. Upon her death in 1952, the property went to the Hooper's daughter, Lola Stratton.

⁵Ibid., September 19, 1906.

⁶Ibid., December 26, 1907.

⁷Ibid., March 23, 1911.

9. References

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Western News, Hamilton, Montana, December 19, 1911.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

State historic preservation office
 Other state agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing
	11	723140	5154660

Verbal Boundary Description:

Stevensville Townsite, Block 15, Lots 3 and 4.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes the lots upon which the historic buildings are situated.

11. Form Prepared By

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Date: revised October 1990

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